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Docket/File No. A-59891-2/RFT/468250-14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

LESTER *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/812,074

Filing Date: March 19, 2001

For: DNA Encoding Inward
Rectifier, G-Protein Activated,
Mammalian, Potassium KGA
Channel and Uses Thereof

Examiner: PAK, Michael D.

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Dear Examiner Pak:

In accordance with our telephone conversation on March 26, 2004 regarding the Notice of Abandonment dated March 18, 2004 which we received on March 23, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, we are enclosing copies of the following documents which were mailed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Arlington, VA 22313-1450 with a Certificate of Mailing dated November 20, 2003. We note that the envelope was addressed correctly except that "Arlington, VA 22313-1450" was inadvertently typed instead of "Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. As indicated by the returned postcard, a copy of which is attached, the Office of Initial Patent Examination received the documents on November 24, 2004. Additionally, the United States Patent and Trademark Office has cashed the check sent with the documents.

The following items are included with this mailing :

- 1) Response to Restriction Requirement;
- 2) Preliminary Amendment;
- 3) Petition for Extension of time;
- 4) Front and back of returned postcard with the date November 24, 2003 stamped by the Patent & Trademark Office; and
- 5) Front and Back of Check No. 300747 for \$740.00 for the extension fee which was deposited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2003.

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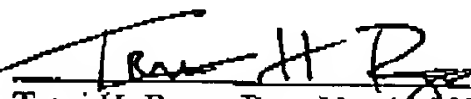
Applicant, through its undersigned attorney, respectfully requests that the Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn as the Response and accompanying documents were timely filed and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Respectfully submitted,
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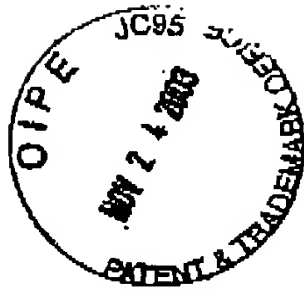
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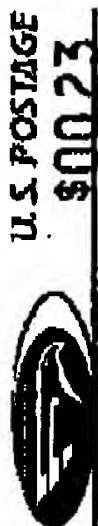
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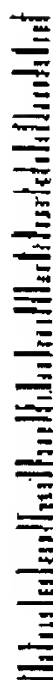
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